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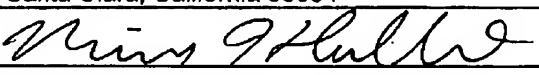
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Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the June 23, 2006, Office Action, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends September 23, 2006. A complete claim set is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

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